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## Letter dated 13 October 2003 from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I am writing in connection with the provisions of section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, according to which no subsidiary organ of the General Assembly may meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the General Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly. Those subsidiary organs that wish to meet during a regular session of the Assembly shall submit their request through the Committee on Conferences.

I wish to inform you that the Committee on Conferences has received an additional request from the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to meet in New York during the fifty-eighth session of the General Assembly.

The Committee on Conferences, having carefully considered this request and the reasons for it, does not object, on the strict understanding that such meetings would have to be accommodated within available facilities and services, so that the activities of the General Assembly itself are not adversely affected, and every effort would be made to make more efficient use of conference services.

Accordingly, I should be grateful if the General Assembly would explicitly authorize the Working Group on the Future Operation of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women to meet, in accordance with its request, subject to the conditions set out in the foregoing paragraph.

(*Signed*) Mohammed **Tal**
Chairman
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